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Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 5

House of Representatives, May 15, 2001

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. KNOPP of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to impose unfunded
2 special education mandates on the states;

3 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and its local cities and towns
4 have had to bear the burden of funding federal special education
5 legislation while special education costs have continued to soar;

6 WHEREAS, Connecticut's cities and towns are forced into a
7 situation of choosing between funding special education programs and
8 other local goals and priorities;

9 WHEREAS, federal special education mandates are draining local
10 education budgets without a sufficient contribution from the federal
11 government;

12 WHEREAS, many cities and towns in Connecticut are in dire need
13 of funds in order to fulfill their obligation to provide special education
14 to the students in their districts;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this House of
16 Representatives calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass
17 appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special
18 education mandates imposed on all states so that Connecticut may
19 begin to meet the urgent financial special education demands imposed
20 on our cities and towns and to consider the needs of the states for
21 increased special education funding as a priority equally as important
22 as tax cuts; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
24 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all
25 United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut
26 in the Congress of the United States.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 31 Nay 0

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0